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SUBJECT: STRIKE BY NATIONAL DISTRICT WORKERS APPEARS SETTLED

1. THE GON MOVED QUICKLY THIS WEEK TO SETTLE A POTENTIALLY TROUBLESOME STRIKE OF MANAGUA'S NATIONAL DISTRICT EMPLOYEES. SOME 2,000 WORKERS INCLUDING STREET CLEANERS, GARBAGE COLLECTORS, AND ROAD WORKERS DECLARED THEMSELVES ON STRIKE FOR BETTER WAGES ON AUGUST 19. PROMOTERS OF THE STRIKE WERE COMMUNIST CONFEDERATION (CGT-I) ACTIVISTS WHO CIRCUMVENTED AUTHORITY OF THE RATHER INACTIVE NATIONAL DISTRICT UNION.

2. MINISTER OF NATIONAL DISTRICT, HOWEVER, REFUSED TO DEAL WITH COMMUNIST LEADERSHIP AND INSTEAD HELD TALKS WITH THE ESTABLISHED UNION. SETTLEMENT WAS REACHED AUGUST 22 WITH STREET CLEANERS AND GARBAGE COLLECTORS GIVEN APPROXIMATELY 25 PCT. RAISE (MAKING THEIR SALARIES APPROXIMATELY THREE DOLLARS PER DAY) AND ROAD WORKERS GUARANTEED TWO HOURS PER DAY OF OVERTIME PAY. MINISTER FURTHER AGREED TO RE-EXAMINE SALARIES BY OCTOBER 1 WITH A VIEW TO AUGMENTING NATIONAL DISTRICT SALARIES FURTHER.

3. ON AUGUST 23 THERE WERE STILL TWO NATIONAL DISTRICT CONSTRUCTION SITES WHERE AT LEAST SOME OF THE WORKERS WERE ON STRIKE. IT WAS NO COINCIDENCE THAT THESE SITES WERE LOCATED NEAR CGT-I HEADQUARTERS. PRESIDENT OF NATIONAL DISTRICT UNION BELIEVES THAT 70 PCT. OF THESE

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WORKERS, WHO TOTAL ABOUT 600, ARE ALSO READY TO RETURN TO THE JOB AND WOULD DO SO IF NOT FOR CGT-I ACTIVISTS PRESENT AT

THE SITES PREVENTING THEM.

4. COMMENT: LIBERAL PARTY (PLN) PLANS FOR A MAMMOTH FINAL RALLY FOR GENERAL SOMOZA'S PRESIDENTIAL CAMPAIGN IN MANAGUA ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 25 PROVIDED GON STRONG IMPETUS FOR QUICK SETTLEMENT OF THE DISPUTE. THIS IN LARGE PART ACCOUNTS FOR RAPID ADJUSTMENT IN INITIAL POSITION OF GON THAT THERE WERE NO FUNDS FOR SALARY INCREASES. WITH THIS STRIKE SETTLED, AND PROSPECTS ARE THAT REMAINING WORKERS WILL SOON BE BACK ON THE JOB, SUNDAY, THE FINAL BIG CAMPAIGN DAY SHOULD GO PEACEFULLY.
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